

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2015, 3:00 p.m.
Country Inn & Suites, Clive, Iowa

SSCC

Sherman Lundy
Jean Eells
Charles McCullough
Tim Palmer
Paula Ellis
Dale Farnham

DSC

James Gillespie
Tarrita Spicer, Note Taker
Susan Kozak
Jake Hansen

Partners

Dave Shanahan, County Engineers
Jon Hubbert, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

Agenda for January 28, 2015

- 2015 – 1** Jean made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Time seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2015 – 2** Jean made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014, meeting. Paula seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Report Follow-Up

Legislative Fact Sheets – reviewed

Old Business

SSCC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates – Spicer (copy of report with file)

New Business

Waiver Request for Vegetated Subsurface Drain Outlet (739) Installations – Jon Hubbert, NRCS, will follow up (add to next meeting agenda).

2015 Iowa Water Conference – meeting, dinner, schedule – Meeting Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the hotel.

Leopold Board – Jennifer Steffens term expiring (add to March meeting). Nomination was made for Jody.

- 2015 – 3** Tim made a motion to nominate Jody to the Leopold Board. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Request from Taylor SWCD:

“Mark Schuelke, a producer and contractor has major concerns with the new process/system of Tile and Terrace paperwork and requirements. He does work throughout Taylor, Page and Ringgold counties. He has met with the Commissioners in Taylor to discuss his concerns, and has asked to speak to the next level of decision makers.”

*AML presentation during the April meeting. – Susan Kozak

*Non Point Source presentation – Allen Bonini, DNR, at the May meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

District Operations

- a. Johnson SWCD: no-cost extension to SSCC grant

2015 – 3 Charles made a motion to approve the no-cost extension request by Johnson SWCD on their grant “Impacts of Permeable Pavers on Soil and Water in Iowa. The approved end date of this grant is June, 2016.

b. Southfork Watershed Alliance: no-cost extension to SSCC grant

2015 – 4 Charles made a motion to approve the no-cost extension request by Southfork Watershed Alliance on their grant “Help Producers Reduce Phosphorus Losses Through Surface Intakes with Little or No Impact on Farming Operations.” The approve end date of this grant is December, 2016.

Vacancy

Benton SWCD: Would like to recommend Jeremy Sills to the vacancy on the board due to the elected person declining the honor.

Clay SWCD: Would like to recommend Mike White to the vacancy on the board due to the elected person declining the honor.

Johnson SWCD: Would like to recommend Jody Bailey to the unexpired term of Kelley Putnam until the next election.

Crawford SWCD: Would like to recommend Dennis Lally to fill the unexpired term of Jessica Jorgensen until the next election.

Sioux SWCD: Would like to recommend Vance Shoemaker to fill the unexpired term of James Jespersen until the next election.

Lee SWCD: Would like to recommend Robert Fox to fill the unexpired term of Gordon Brown until the next election.

Calhoun SWCD: Would like to recommend Conner Hildreth to fill the unexpired term of Gary Hildreth until the next election.

2015 – 5 Jean made a motion to approve the recommendation for appointment from the above counties. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Floyd SWCD – Vacancy (failure to elect)

Mitchell SWCD – Vacancy (resignation)

2015 – 6 Jean made a motion to acknowledge and approve the above District vacancies. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCC Member Reports

Jean – Attended Practical Farmers of Iowa workshop. Shared the new Women Caring for the Land Brochure.

Paula – Attended the Farm Bureau Convention in California.

Charles – Attended meetings in Dubuque.

Tim – Presented to Madison County Leadership Institute. Attended a new commissioner training on January 14th.

Dale – Attended the Governor and Lt. Governor Inauguration. Attended the Calhoun County meeting (lawsuit meeting).

Sherm – Attended the Crop Advantage, Storm Water Presentation, Nitrate Management, and the Miller Creek/Cedar Rapids meetings.

Future Meetings

January 28th Wednesday, TBD, Wallace Building

January 29th Partnership Day

February NO MEETING

March 2nd Quality Inn & Suites Starlite Village and Conference Center
2601 E. 13th St, Ames, IA 50010
Reservations under “Soil Conservation”: 515-232-9260

March 2-4th Iowa Water Conference
Iowa State University, Ames

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

***No Report**